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1. On 19 November 1946, Col. Korotkin, Chief of Gema, Berlin-Köpenick, approached German technicians, offering them work in the USSR. He admitted that they would be restricted to their billets and work and that any other activity would be guarded. They were also promised a possible return to Germany if they were first willing to establish plants in the USSR.
2. Following negative reaction, Korotkin then suggested to several Germans individually that they consider setting up their own shops in Germany to work for the Russians on the development of apparatus simulating flight conditions to test equipment prior to installation in aircraft. The Russians promised the following: RM 500,000 (sic), a village house, the workshop, and choice of both German and Russian assistants. Russian help would remain under cover in Berlin. Food, supplies, and equipment were to come out of the initial payment but more would be procured at Russian expense if necessary. Following this, a number of Russian officers begged the Germans to recruit them as assistants, since they were unwilling to return to the USSR. Informant did not state if any Germans accepted.
3. The Gema plant was officially dissolved on 30 November. All German workers were to be discharged on 15 December. On 2 December, twenty Gema volunteers reported for future unspecified work at the Karlshorst Komendatura and were conducted into a restricted area. Since they had no baggage, it is believed that they did not go to Russia. Among them was Dipl. Ing. Kotitschke.
4. On 20 December, Col. Korotkin stated that he had received orders for his entire section and all equipment to be ready for shipment by 23 December. He was told at Karlshorst this was in preparation for the Moscow conference, by which time all war industries must be evacuated from Germany.
5. Korotkin's duties were to be taken over by Col. Korshov in Karlshorst. The Russians would retain only those German specialists whom they could eventually persuade to work in Russia.
6. On 31 December, Col. Korshov was reported working on a plan of Col. Korotkin to use German dummy institutes as cover for further development of special devices by both German and Russian specialists. Several teams are to work on automatic landing apparatus.

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7. The Naval Staff at Karlshorst, ~~Germany~~ also working on a plan. A Soviet scientist officer is expected to return as a civilian in mid-January to work on the project.
8. Each project is subject to approval from Moscow. Funds are provided by Karlshorst.

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